

## How best can we help our students to learn?

Teaching/Learning English as a second language or dialect in the Northern Territory.

### Who are our ESL/ESD learners?

- New non-English speaking arrivals
- Children of migrant parents
- Indigenous language speaking students
- Kriol speaking students
- Aboriginal English speaking students

### Languages, creoles and dialects.....

**Standard Australian English (SAE)** is the dialect of Australian English used by government, education and the media.

**Aboriginal English (AE)** is the name used for dialects of English that are spoken by Australian Aboriginal people and which differ in systematic ways from Standard Australian English. Different regional and social groups use different varieties of Aboriginal English.

**Creole** is the generic term for a type of language that has recently developed and is being used as the first language by a whole generation of speakers.

**Kriol** is the Aboriginal creole language spoken widely across the north of Australia, in parts of the Kimberley, the Northern Territory and Queensland. Speakers of Kriol can use it as their first (mother tongue-L1) or second language (L2).

**Torres Strait Creole** is a different creole language spoken in Far North Queensland and throughout the Torres Strait islands. It was and still is sometimes called 'Broken'.

**Pidgin English** was used to refer to a contact language that was used widely for communication between Indigenous people who spoke only their traditional language and Europeans who spoke only English.

### Abbreviations

**ESL** - English as a Second Language

**ESD** - English as a Second Dialect

**SAE** - Standard Australian English

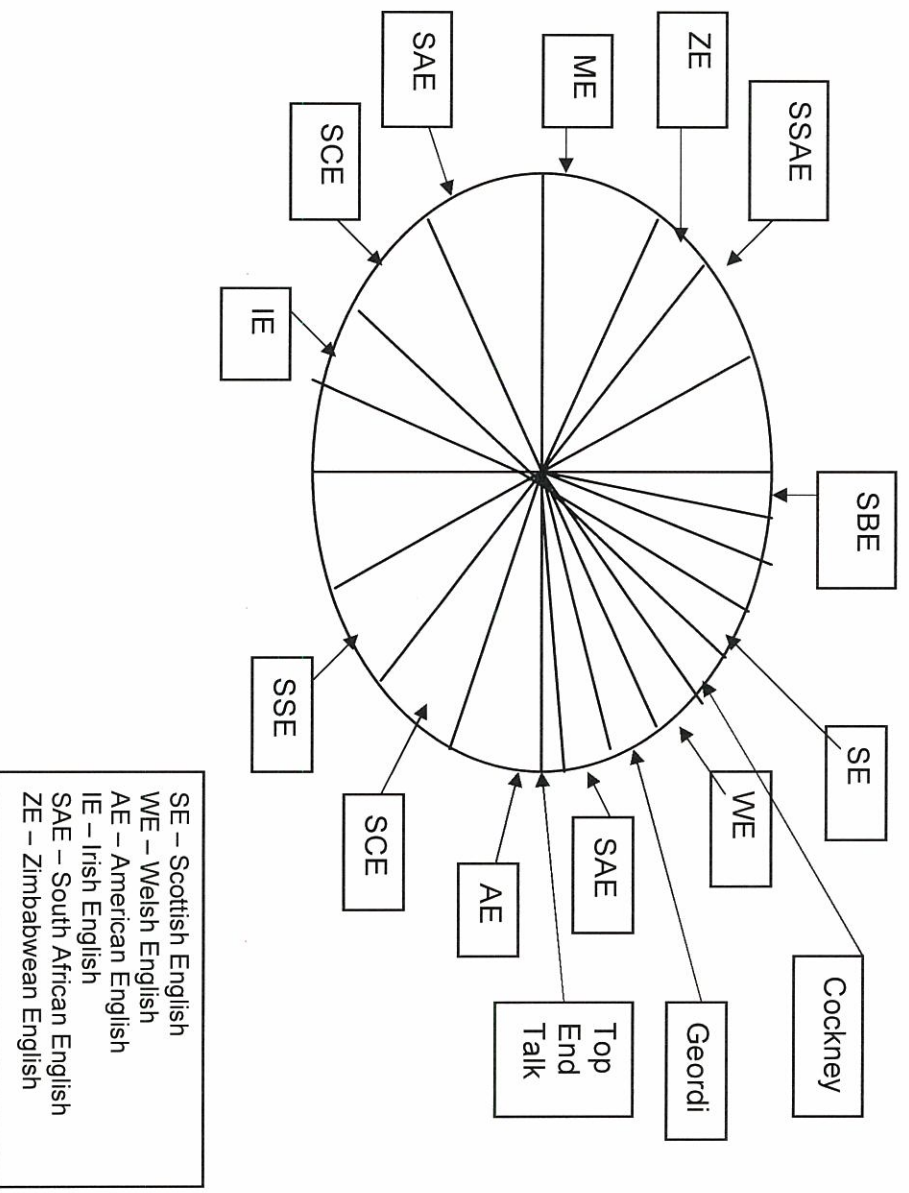
**AE** - Aboriginal English

**Kriol/AE** - Kriol or Aboriginal English

## Languages diverge.

The same forces through which a language develops regional variations, may cause the language to break up into distinct, mutually unintelligible languages.

### Some English dialects around the world.



## Language Continuum/Continua

